

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 061218-01
Opposition to the Restructuring of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Regional Office and Local Agency

- WHEREAS** the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;
- WHEREAS** the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);
- WHEREAS** Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians requests that the Department of the Interior work with Indian Nations on a government-to-government basis and include consultation with all Indian Nations on matters that affect Indian Homelands, including the reorganization of Department of Interior;
- WHEREAS** the Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region provides funding and support to thirty-six (36) federally recognized Indian tribes located in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa and the Michigan Agency is located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan;
- WHEREAS** there are twelve federally recognized tribes in Michigan, five are located in the Upper Peninsula and seven Tribes in the lower Peninsula, there is only one Tribe in Indiana which is the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians that is located in both Michigan and Indiana;
- WHEREAS** there are no federally recognized tribes in Ohio;
- WHEREAS** the Michigan Tribes have been effectively served by the Regional office and the Michigan local agency and see no reason for a change to the current setup;

WHEREAS as members of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, (MAST) that was founded in 1996, and represents the thirty-five sovereign tribal nations of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Michigan, we have established a good working relationship with the other regional Tribes and we see no advantage in the making of a new BIA region.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians requests that Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region continue to serve the twelve (12) federally recognized tribes in Michigan and that the Michigan local agency continues to be accessible to all of the Tribes in Michigan.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED this resolution shall be the policy of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.


CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians by a phone poll of the Tribal Council held on June 12, 2018 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

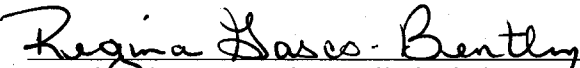
	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Frank Bernard	X			
David Harrington	X			
Dexter McNamara	X			
Emily Proctor	X			
Julie Shananaquet	X			
Shanna Wemigwase	X			
Marcella R. Reyes	X			
Tamara Kiogima	X			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X			

Date: 06.12.18 
 Legislative Leader, Fred Harrington, Jr.

Date: 06-12-18 
 Tribal Council Secretary, Tamara Kiogima

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Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 6-15-18 
 Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

